



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

*Friday 9th September 2022*

## A SCHOOL TO BE PROUD OF

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),



I hope you have all enjoyed a long and restful summer and it is a pleasure to now be writing my first newsletter as Headteacher of The Hinckley School.

We have very much enjoyed welcoming back our students who all look incredibly smart in their new uniform and are ready to learn. Tutor time has focused on PRIDE, learning and how we celebrate diversity and promote community in our school. The commitment to learning in all year groups this week has been impressive and I have felt very proud of our students. Thank you all for your support in making sure students came to school ready to learn.

It was a pleasure to welcome our year 7s to The Bridge and year 8 to The Gateway (our new specialist year 8 provision) on Wednesday. Year 13 are enjoying our new sixth from refurbishment, a place that now enables them to have really focused, supported independent study time. All other years have spent time getting to know their form tutors and year leaders. I have also been able to introduce students to several new members of staff, including on the senior leadership team Mr Wood as Vice Principal, Ms Thomas as Vice Principal, Ms Solly as Director of post 16 and Ms Lewis as Director of inclusion and SENCO.

This year also sees us start our new build and develop our site further. After having achieved the best GCSE results the school has seen and A levels that saw the vast majority of students achieving their first choice of university, it is an exciting time to be a student, member of staff and parent/ carer at The Hinckley School.

Best wishes,

**Lisa Hickman—Headteacher**

### PRIDE Character Education



**PRIDE**  
To have pride in everything I do. To approach everything with discipline, integrity and self-worth. To be proud of my achievements and celebrate the achievements of others.



**RESILIENCE**  
To be persistent in my endeavours and courageous, tackling any challenges I may face both in my learning and in life.



**INDEPENDENCE**  
To be self-motivated in my learning, to be curious in my thinking and able to solve problems that are presented to me.



**DISCIPLINE**  
To demonstrate self-control in school and in the community. To always be the best I can be.



**ENGAGEMENT**  
To be motivated and enthusiastic about my learning and to collaborate successfully with others to reach my goals. To show empathy and compassion in my dealings with others at all times.

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PRIDE permeates everything that we do at The Hinckley School.

Students are encouraged to routinely reflect on how they are able to demonstrate this in their learning and as members of our school and local community.

We are keen to hear about what our students do outside of school and to be able to celebrate PRIDE in our assemblies.

*Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers*



# TRANSITION SUMMER SCHOOL SETS OUR NEW STUDENTS OFF TO A FABULOUS START

Once again The Hinckley School opened its doors early to offer its new intake of students the chance to take in part in the Bridge's Summer School.



Over the week over one hundred and twenty students attended and took part in a series of activities, across a large number of subjects: Maths, English, Classics, Science, History, Drama, Art, PE, and Food Tec. Students took part in some fantastic activities from performing Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to producing their own functional wind turbines as part of a STEM project. Summer school provided a brilliant opportunity for students to get a taste of school life and the students a chance to meet their teachers and start to build friendships that will last a lifetime. Over the course of the week we celebrated the PRIDE showcased by all students on a daily basis. The levels of engagement and resilience shown over the course of the week was fantastic.



*Ms V Bull, Director of Key Stage 3*

## INTRODUCING 'THE GATEWAY' FOR YEAR 8

It was wonderful to welcome happy and excited students into The Gateway on Thursday. Year 8 were smartly dressed in their new Hinckley School uniforms and over the past week have made a positive start to the school year. 'The Gateway' is the next stage of their journey through the school, where they start to explore in more depth a wide curriculum and focus on character development and PRIDE in the wider school context.



This year, Year 8 students have use of the extensively refurbished Gateway facilities. Within the Gateway students have a wonderful heart space where they can come during social times. We have a wide selection of activities including chess, tabletop football and several board games for students to enjoy. We also offer a quiet room for students who would like to read, draw, complete homework, or simply relax. The Year 8 team are looking forward to working with students, helping them become the best they can be, over the course of Year 8.

Ms James, Head of Year 8:



Ms James with Gateway students, proudly showcasing their new Heartspace

# INTRODUCING OUR MAGNIFICENT YEAR 7 BRIDGE

Over the first week, our new Bridge students have risen to the challenge set by their Year Leader Mr Stocks on their first day – to be a magnificent Year 7. They have embodied PRIDE in all areas of the school and this has led to them amassing over five and a half thousand achievement points in their first week alone. We have seen



students across the year group start to build a caring community within the Bridge. Students have developed new friendships both inside and outside the classroom. Student voice has also centred around PRIDE with students commenting on how much they are enjoying their lessons as well as the Bridge heart space. We have also share the Bridge enrichment programme that shows all activities on offer for the year group at break, lunch and after school. These sessions are open to all our students and we encourage them to attend as many sessions as possible to try something different and meet new people.

Mr Stocks Year Leader said, “ I am beyond proud of the way that our Year 7 students have settled into life in The Bridge, they are the epitome of PRIDE and I cannot wait showcase their learning to date with parents on our annual showcase evening on the 13<sup>th</sup> October,”

Mr Stocks, Head of the Year 7 Bridge

*Helping students to engage with reading is a life skill that we encourage and develop. An assembly this week helped them to understand how and what to read and the importance of this.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS



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*You are warmly invited to our*

**OPEN EVENING**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022  
3:30pm - 5:30pm & 6pm-8pm



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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS HALF TERM:

OPEN EVENING 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER  
Y712 TUTOR EVENING 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
Y7 SHOWCASE EVENING 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
Y11 REVISION EVENING 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER